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Following is a summary of the activities of VEB Plasta, Kunstharz- und Pressmassefabrik Erkner for the three months September - November 1954: 25X1

1. Personnel

Lavatsch, chief of the laboratory, was appointed production manager in November 1954. Witte, a qualified chemist, was appointed chief of the laboratory in his place.

2. Arrivals of Raw Materials

<u>Material</u>	<u>Approximate Quantity</u>	<u>Origin</u>
Cresol	400 tons	VEB Leuna-Werke Walter Ulbricht, Leuna
"	750 tons	East Germany
Phenol	500 tons	VEB Leuna-Werke Walter Ulbricht, Leuna
"	500 tons	VEB Teerdistillation und Chemische Fabrik Erkner
Xylenol	1,450 tons	VEB Leuna-Werke Walter Ulbricht, Leuna
"	500 tons	VEB Teerdistillation und Chemische Fabrik Erkner
Formalin	50 tankers	East Germany
"	80 tankers	VEB Elektrochemisches Kombinat Bitterfeld
"	60 tankers	USSR
Urea	500 tons	USSR
"	600 tons	USSR
Hexa	480 tons	VEB Leuna-Werke Walter Ulbricht, Leuna
Benzol	50 tons	VEB Leuna-Werke Walter Ulbricht, Leuna
Mica	100 tons	East Germany
Barytes	300 tons	Soviet Bloc
Wood Dust	1,000 tons	USSR
Oxalic acid	70 tons	VEB Lackkunstharz- und Lackfabrik Zwickau
Soda-lye	1,000 liters	VEB Leuna-Werke Walter Ulbricht, Leuna
Concentrated HCl	1,500 liters	East Germany

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3. Production Deliveries

<u>Product</u>	<u>Approximate Quantity</u>	<u>Destination</u>
Xylenol resins	1,000 tons	
Phenol plastics	700 tons	
Phenol pressing compound	1,500 tons	East Germany
Aminoplastics	400 tons	Thuringia
"	250 tons	Berlin
Glue resins	200 tons	Thuringia
Cresol resins	50 tons	Piesteritz
"	500 tons	Berlin
"		Saxony

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4. Research and Development

- a. An order has been received for research in the production of creep-proof aminoplastics.
- b. Experiments are being made in order to obtain a cheaper and quicker condensation agent.
- c. Experiments with modified resins were discontinued for some unknown reason.
- d. Experiments to improve the quality of grinding wheel resins were to be started on 1 December 1954.

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